RAMSEY COUNTY GIS USER GROUP

An alliance of communities sharing Geographical Information Systems

Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2007
Location: Shoreview City Hall, 4600 Victoria St. N

1. Welcome & Introductions

Attendees:

Matt Baker-Shoreview	Liesa Miller-MnDOT Metro GIS
Michael Goodnature-Ramsey Conservation District	Curt Peterson- Ramsey County
Deb Jones- Falcon Heights	Jolinda Stapleton- Roseville
Joel Koepp- Roseville	Jan Vanderwall-Roseville School District
David Kotilinek-North St. Paul	Jody Yungers-Ramsey County Parks & Recreation
Carrie Mack- Ramsey Washington Watershed Dist	

Meeting was called to order by Jan Vanderwall at 2:04 p.m.

2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

No changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of 2007 August Minutes

The minutes of the 2007 August meeting (posted at http://www.ramseygis.com/minutes.php) were approved by consensus.

4a. RCGISUG Website Re-design

Steve Lorbach was not present to provide an update on the website. Joel Koepp had been on the new site and noticed that there is now a member list available.

4b. Education Opportunities

Jan Vanderwall did a GIS teacher workshop session that was be held at Roseville Area High School on August 28th. Jan showed the group the Ramsey County online mapping application and Google Earth. He also did a short demonstration of bus routing software, Edulog, which showed how GIS can be used in a practical application. The eight teachers in attendance had positive response and indicated that they would use the information in their classrooms. It is possible that a similar presentation could be made at the TIES conference in November.

4c. Pictometry

The City of Roseville has continued upgrading their Pictometry EFS from version 2.6 to 2.7. Jolinda, Deb Jones and Carrie Mack had a meeting to discuss default tools and layouts to be used in a default project. They plan to have a follow-up meeting in the next few weeks. There has no word on the Counties role in coordinating the 2008 Pictometry flight. Jolinda will contact Steven Baker for an update.

4d. ArcGIS Server

Curt Peterson has been unable to set up meeting with ESRI to discuss if ArcGIS Server would address the RCGISUG needs. Cut had a chance to view the draft preliminary report that ESRI created for Ramsey

County. The report was to look at the County's internal GIS business needs. The report indicated that there is a need for the County to integrate more databases into the GIS system.

5. Ramsey County Data Updates – Curt Peterson

Curt Peterson brought along new data and geodatabase CD's. Updates include parcels but there is no update from the tax, sales and permitting. The latest update on the CAMA sales and permitting is from early August.

The User Group has received some questions regarding the outdated tax annotation on the CivXplorer online mapping application. Jolinda Stapleton and Curt have worked with PlanSight to convert the annotation from the ArcSDE server to the mapping application but have been unsuccessful thus far. Joel Koepp, Curt and Jolinda will meet in the next month to take a look at the annotation issue.

6. Community Announcements and Reports

Jody Yungers provided the User Group with an update on the Transit for Livable Communities desire for a web based mapping application. The I-35W bridge collapse brought the issue to the forefront. Organizations were looking for a regional pathway coverage that could be used to determine routes to and from the Minneapolis area. Steve Clark, from Transit for Livable Communities, met with ESRI and LMIC to identify current data status for creation of non- motorized map and to determine available technology for a "trail quest" concept project. LMIC has been researching this technology and identified possible models and the possibility of using Geocortex (http://www.geocortex.com/) for internet mapping. LMIC and regional partners, such as MnDOT, Ramsey County, Minneapolis and St. Paul, will be drafting a proposal to Transit for Livable Communities for a GIS project, using the I-35W bridge area as a pilot GIS mapping and "trail quest" project to be completed in the next 18 months. Jody hopes to have an update at the next User Group meeting. This grant request would require the participation of the RCGIS User Group.

Jolinda Stapleton updated the group on a new shared network location for metro-inet users. All members of the metro-inet now have read-only access to Countywide GIS data; historical and current aerials; and half section PDF maps. The GIS data includes items such as the County geodatabase, parcel shapefiles, and contours. You may contact Jolinda for more information.

 Jody Yungers informed the group of a meeting sponsored by Active Living Ramsey County (ALRC) on how to incorporate active living principles into system plans. The meeting is to be held on Thursday, September 20 at Roseville City Hall. The presentation will include research and examples of active living principles that can be incorporated into comprehensive plans. The ALRC is interested in having a RCGISUG's committee member to be at the meeting to share and provide an update on the User Group work and to emphasis the importance for all Ramey County communities to be involved in GIS initiatives.

Deb Jones provided the User Group on the MetroGIS address project. The national data standard is still not finalized. MetroGIS continues to work towards a centralized address database. This database may result in regional or even statewide data.

Joel Koepp announced that the City of Roseville is going to begin to provide GIS services for the City of North St. Paul. Joel will work one day a week in North St. Paul.

7. Adjournment was at 3:27 p.m.

Next meeting will be on October 4, 2007, 2:00 p.m. at Shoreview City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Jolinda Stapleton, Acting Secretary.